



Queen Anne Cobblestone

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John Hay Marks 100 Years with Big Community Celebration

The 100th anniversary of the old John Hay School was marked with a very successful homecoming celebration on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005. The newly refurbished 1905 wood building was the centerpiece as grads of many years mingled with the young students of today's Secondary Bilingual Education Center at the site at 4th Ave. N. and Boston St.

Over 400 people toured the buildings, looked at displays by the QAHS, the new Hay parent group, Friends of Old Hay and other community groups.

An assembly in the lunchroom in the 1923 brick building featured a welcome to past grads, a historical note by the Society's Bruce Jones, a vision of the school's future by current Principal Martin O'Callaghan and a charming historical sketch by the current students, all of whom are very recent immigrants with limited English skills.

A few scenes from the Centennial are shown below and on page two.



SBOC students at old John Hay School perform for returning grads during Oct. 8 centennial open house.

Gracious Ladies of QA A Vintage Fashion Show **WED. NOV. 23RD, 7:30 PM**

Discover the contributions made by the women of Queen Anne to Seattle's heritage and to our community. Anna Clise, Catharine Blaine, Elizabeth Levy, and many others, created the institutions and cultural fabric that we take for granted today. Now you can see and hear about them in a live presentation.

You are invited to come to a different kind of fashion show. Models wearing vintage fashions from the mid-1800s to the mid-1900s will walk the runway, accompanied by a multi-media description of the roles played by these historical women and the clothing worn by them. Goodwill Industries and the Museum of History and Industry have supplied the vintage clothing and the models. The Society is supplying the pictures and historical commentary.

Note that this free program will be held at the new John Hay School auditorium, at 201 Garfield St. (2nd Ave N and Garfield, across from Queen Anne High School).

Join your neighbors at this unique public meeting

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 7:30 pm

John Hay School

2nd Ave N and Garfield St.

Note different location!

The meeting is free and open to the public. Donations are invited. It begins at 7:30 pm at John Hay Elementary School, 2nd N and Garfield, on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-



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CALENDAR OF

Wed. Nov. 23, 2005

Program: Gracious Ladies of Queen Anne: Their Accomplishments and their 1900 Fashions. Live models wearing period clothing.

Rescheduled from May. Not to be missed. New John Hay School, 2nd N & Garfield, 7:30 pm. Free.

Sat. Nov. 19, 2005

Event: Opening of "A Holiday to Remember" exhibit at Museum of History & Industry.

Fri. Dec. 2, 2005

Event: "Holiday Magic from Top to Bottom" at Roy Street Park, sponsored by Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce. See QA News for details.

Thur. Dec. 15, 2005

Event: Annual "Crown of Lights" Contest. QAHS holiday lighting contest with prizes for best decorated residences on and off the "Boulevard".

Wed. Jan. 25, 2006

Program: Still in work. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Wed. Mar. 22, 2006

Program: Still in work. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

John Hay Centennial brings old grads and immigrants new to Seattle together.



The Society's display in the old Hay library drew many former students looking for old classmates.



A current SBOC student and a Hay grad from the 1930s shared in ribbon cutting to open the refurbished wood building.



A crowded lunchroom holds former students, current students and neighbors to watch the centennial program at old Hay on Saturday, Oct. 8, 2005.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

HERITAGE NEWS

Treat House Preservation Hits Roadblock

The historic home of Harry Whitney Treat, also known as the Gable House, at 1 W. Highland Drive, has been denied National Historic Landmark designation.

Severe restrictions on meeting designation criteria have been added in recent years, resulting in properties not being designated today that would have been, 20 years ago.

The effort to protect the house is continuing at the State and City Landmark designation levels. It appears that many weeks will pass before the future of the house and property become clear. You can find out more at our web site, qahistory.org.

Val Reel

We regret informing you of another loss to the Queen Anne community. Vall Reel, long time Society member and former board member, passed away Sept. 22, 2005, at age 90.

Val grew up in Indiana, but lived in Seattle for many years. She had pursued genealogical research of her Indiana home town in recent years and had many books and documents on the subject. Some of these will end up in the Seattle Public Library, according to Kim Turner who is handling the disposition of her collection.

Val had also spent time assisting in dog obedience training. She was a valuable member of the QA History Book Project in 1990-93 and formerly managed the Villa Costella Apartments on W. Olympic Place.

Historic Marker Program

Old houses in many towns have markers on them showing the year they were built. **John DeRosa, new board member, is heading up a program to develop such signage here.**

Details of the program will be available soon. The idea is to tie the historic marker to a documented set of

data about the history of a given house. The historical data will remain a valued archival record of QA residences.

A trial run of documenting a house history is underway now. For more information contact John at 206-282-3842 or johnd@qahistory.org.

Crown of Lights Contest

Each year the QAHS conducts a contest to choose the best holiday lighting display by a residence on the historic Queen Anne Boulevard, and another for residences not on the boulevard. Judges are recruited from local organizations. The contest is a light-hearted attempt to publicize the existence of "The Boulevard" and to promote community spirit.

Judging will be on Thursday, Dec. 15. Call 206-284-2266 by Tues., Dec. 13 to leave your name and the address of any house you think should be looked at by the judges.

Holiday Magic Top to Bottom

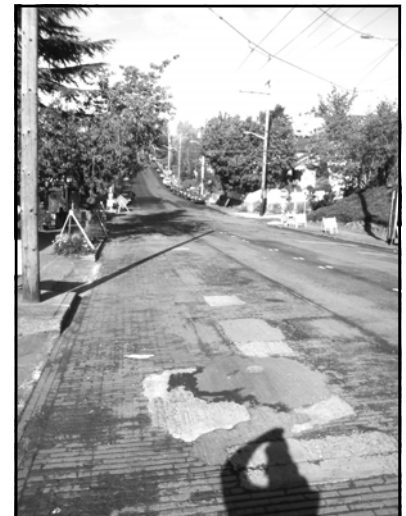
This year, for the first time, the Society will be working with the **Queen Anne Chamber of Commerce** on a holiday event. It will include a lighting contest for businesses in both the Uptown area and the Upper Queen Anne area.

There will be a "Holiday Magic" celebration Friday, Dec. 2 at the Roy Street Park, and each Saturday in December, from 11 am-5 pm, a trolley will run up and down the Counterbalance. During the noon hour, **QAHS members will be on board telling QA Stories. Why don't you join in?** Call us. Watch the Queen Anne News for details.

NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVE BY BOB FRAZIER

Progress continues in your community archive at Bayview Manor. Recently we purchased a set of shelves, which has helped us store some of our many boxes. Historic Seattle donated to the Society a large collection of material about Queen Anne and Magnolia real estate. Del Loder and Bruce Jones are inspecting many files in preparation for the November program on notable women of Queen Anne.

Archive cleanup is a focus for the coming year. Volunteers and researchers are welcome by calling Bob Frazier (206-285-0958) or Bruce



Repaving of 10th Ave. W. recently brought to daylight the underlying brick road surface. Looking north towards 10th W. and W. Howe.

Yes, I want to join the Queen Anne Historical Society in preserving our community's heritage and promoting the public's understanding of its past.

Name _____ Tel. _____

Address _____

City _____, State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____

Member Category: (check one)

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____ Family \$20 ____ Benefactor \$200 &

up
____ Student/Senior \$8 ____ Contribution only, \$ _____

____ I would like to become active in the Society.

The QAHS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Donations are deductible to the extent permitted by Federal law.

Return with payment to: Queen Anne Historical Society,

Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*.

I understand that mailing costs will be added.

Prices are:

Soft cover: \$25

(\$20 for members)

Hard cover: \$45

(\$40 for members)

Please send me the following:

Soft cover qty: _____

Soft cover cost: \$ _____

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Mailing costs at \$3/book:

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KIM'S MUSINGS

Small Town Queen Anne

Just in time for Thanksgiving. We live in a fascinating place. Geologically, geographically, and with all the fun and foibles that people bring to a region. Queen Anne has been home to persons of every walk of life. It has also been home to bears, cougars, rabbits, deer, squirrels, moles, voles, garter snakes and racers, and various other animals. It has been home to Senators, both state and Federal, and to Congressmen and Congresswomen, to doctors, educators, ministers, scientists, lawyers, meat packers, grocers, pharmacists, policemen and firemen, librarians and research specialists, to members of the acting community and to various dealers of collectibles, antiques and jewelers. Musicians and conductors have made their homes on the hill. In short, there are few occupations that have not had their practitioners living on Queen Anne Hill.

In the mid-1930s, Queen Anne was referred to in a news item which gave the fact that if lifted out of Seattle and placed just about anywhere in the Midwest, Queen Anne Hill and its community would be a good-sized town of from 30,000 to 40,000 people. The population has stayed fairly constant, even with the rise of major apartment buildings on the hill. As some areas became more commercial, others

stayed much as they had for the better part of a century or more.

I have been going through some early issues of the KUAY, the Queen Anne High School weekly newspaper, a broken file which runs from the first years (1909-10) through 1950 and into January of 1951. There is a wealth of material about Queen Anne residents in it—including the notices of deaths of parents of students attending the school. There are sad stories, such as the young man who had just graduated from Queen Anne in 1919 or 1920, who was earning money to attend college by working in the logging industry, and who was killed, when crushed to death by a log. He was only 19. The list of visitors to speak at Queen Anne High School assemblies is noteworthy. Among others, the explorer Roald Amundsen came in the early 1920s.

With some of our great houses in jeopardy, it behooves us to remember to record all that we can of the contributions of each generation of Queen Anners, whether new to the Hill and its environs, or descended from a multi-generational family who still live on the Hill.

Kim R. Turner, Research Chair

Isn't it time you became more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?

Join the Board of Trustees! Help out in the archives! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.